

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : **CRIMINAL NO.** _____

v. : **DATE FILED:** _____

TAMEKA EDWARDS : **VIOLATIONS:**

: **18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(1)(A) (false statements**

: **to a federal firearms dealer - 1 count)**

: **Notice of forfeiture**

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all times material to this indictment:

1. Mike and Kate’s Sport Shoppe (“Mike and Kate’s”), located at 7492 Oxford Avenue, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, possessed a federal firearms license (“FFL”) and was authorized to deal in firearms under federal laws.

2. FFL holders are licensed, among other things, to sell firearms and ammunition. Various rules and regulations promulgated under the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 44 (Sections 921-929) govern the manner in which an FFL holder may sell firearms and ammunition.

3. The rules and regulations governing FFL holders require that a person seeking to purchase a handgun fill out a “Firearms Transaction Record,” ATF Form 4473. Part of the ATF Form 4473 requires that the prospective purchaser certify truthfully, subject to penalties of perjury, that he or she is the actual buyer of the firearm. The ATF Form 4473

contains language warning that “[t]he federal firearms laws require that the individual filling out this form must be buying the firearm for himself or as a gift. Any individual who is not buying the firearm for himself or herself or as a gift, but who completes this form, violates the law.”

4. FFL holders are required to maintain a record, in the form of a completed ATF Form 4473, of the identity of the actual buyer of firearms sold by the FFL holder.

5. A person who falsely completes ATF Form 4473 and falsely states that he or she is buying a firearm for himself or herself when he or she is intending to purchase a firearm for another person is a “straw purchaser.”

6. On or about the date listed below, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

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in connection with the acquisition of the firearms listed below, from the FFL holder listed below, knowingly made a false statement and representation with respect to information required by the provisions of Chapter 44, Title 18, United States Code, to be kept in the FFL holder’s records, in that defendant EVANS certified on the ATF Form 4473, Firearms Transaction Record forms, that she was the actual buyer of the firearms listed below, when, in fact, as she well knew, her statement and representation were false and fictitious:

Count	Date	Location	Firearm	Serial Number
1	1/06/05	Mike and Kate’s Sport Shoppe 7492 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia Pa.	Glock, Model 23, .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Cobray, Model M11, nine millimeter semi-automatic pistol.	GSW770 89-0046921.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A) set forth in Count One of this Indictment, defendant

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shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the firearms involved in the commission of this offense, including, but not limited to:

- a. Glock, Model 23, .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol, serial number GSW770, and
- b. Cobray, Model M11, nine millimeter semi-automatic pistol, serial number 89-0046921.

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d).

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

PATRICK L. MEEHAN
United States Attorney